

REMARKS

Consideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

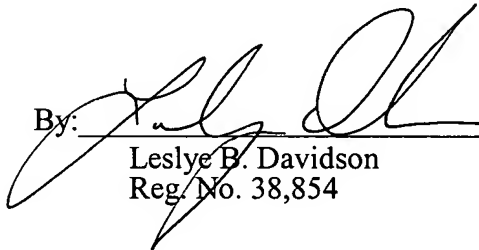
Claims 1-2, 4, 5, 7-13, 16, 18-19, 22, 26-29, 31, and 35 are pending in the application.

Claims 3, 6, 14-15, 17, 20-21, 23-25, 30, 32-34, 36-38 were canceled without prejudice in order to reduce the filing fee.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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